

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE ASSISTED LIVING METHODOLOGY

The changes to the Assisted Living Methodology are:

1. Applications for facilities in multi-county areas are allowed, where there is not enough need for a facility using the bed need for one county. This will encourage the development of facilities in rural areas of the state.
2. The Utilization section has been removed, so applications may be taken only in areas where a bed need exists. This will distribute the beds more evenly around the state.
3. The maximum number of beds any one applicant can apply for in one application cycle is set at 80. This will distribute the beds among providers to give prospective residents a choice of services. A National Study of Assisted Living for the Frail Elderly by the US Department of Health and Human Services in 1999 concludes that the average number of beds in an Assisted Living Facility is 53. 21% have 51 to 100 beds and 12% have more than 100 beds. The eighty bed limit is greater than the national average and reflects the expected growth of the industry.
4. A priority for facilities that will serve low income residents is set when we have competing applications. This also allows further review if the plan to serve low income residents changes.
5. The language regarding unfavorable reviews for existing facilities that have violations or deficiencies in inspections is clarified.
6. The details of information that must be included in the business plan is expanded. Applicants must demonstrate that the market area will support their proposal.